(b) According to the 1991 census, 31% of homes in rural areas have been electrified.

(c) According to 15th Energy Power Survey, the estimated quantum of eectricity used in the agricultural Sector is 94368.98 Kwh Million Units during the year 1998-99. No separate statistic regarding consumption by rural households is available.

Investment in NHPC

† 2575. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up the National Hydro-Power Corporation for generating power in the country;

(b) if so, the capital invested in this Corporation by the end of March, 2000 and what has been the annual average administrative expenditure of the Corporation during the previous years; and

(c) the power generating capacity achieved by the Corporation so far alongwith the quantum of actual power generated by the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total capital investment till the end of March, 2000 are as under:

(Rupees in Crores)

(i)	Share capital (including share deposit)	4020
(ii)	Govt, of India fund adjustment towards equity	426

NHPC has incurred the following amount on operation, maintenance and administrative expenditure in the last three years on its operational projects:

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(Rupees in Crores)

1997-1998	83
1998-1999	112
	117

(c) The present power generation capacity of NHPC is 2149.2 MW. The design energy generation and the actual energy generation during the last three years is given below:

S. No.	Year	Design Energy (MUS)	Actual Energy Generated (MUs)
1.	1997-1998	9088.42	8820.83
2.	1998-1999	9088.42	997.26
3.	1999-2000	9113.98	8690.73*

(*The energy generation was less due to less inflow of water at Uri and Tanakpur HE projects & also due to breakdown of two main shafts of unit-I and III at Baira Siul HE Project).

Manufacturing of Power Generation Plants by BHEL

† 2576. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power generation plants manufactured by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited can generate electricity up to 70.8 percent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the power generated by the existing units of the National Thermal Power Corporation is comparatively less; and

(d) if so, the power generation capacity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The average Plant

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